

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed with a 1-month extension of time in response to the Office Action mailed Dec. 30th, 2004. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the case.

Claims 1, 12, and 17 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors.

No new claims have been added.

The Applicant has amended the Specification by inserting Patent Numbers for Patent Applications that have issued since this Application was originally filed. The Applicant has further corrected a typographical error. Such amendment introduces no new matter.

At paragraphs 1-3 of the Office Action, claims 1-17 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 13 and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,208,649. The Applicant has filed a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to overcome such rejection.

In the event that the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in the disposition of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 951-3078.

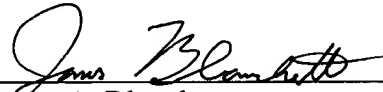
All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

All dependent claims are believed to be dependent from allowable independent claims.

The Applicant respectfully solicits favorable action.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,



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